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PATENT #8

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: THOMPSON ET AL. Examiner: A. STEWART
Serial No.: 09/954,555 Group Art Unit: 3738
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Title: IMPLANT DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH INTERLOCK

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 7, 2003, said period of response being extended from May 7, 2003 to September 7, 2003, which was a Sunday, further extending said period of response to Monday, September 8, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$1450.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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